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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

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FOLL REPEAT PARIS 10254 ACTION SECSTATE, INFO BONN, BRUSSELS,  
COPENHAGEN, DUBLIN, THE HAGUE, LONDON, LUXEMBOURG, ROME,  
EC BRUSSELS, NATO 22 APRIL 75:

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, FR

SUBJECT: ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF  
EUROPE

REF: PARIS 10128

1. JACQUES VAN HELMONT, MONNET'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATE IN  
THE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE,  
TELLS US THAT MONNET'S DECISION TO CEASE HIS ACTIVITIES  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE WAS REACHED LATE LAST YEAR  
AND WAS NOT A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE STATE OF HIS  
HEALTH. (TWO MONTHS AGO MONNET BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL AND  
WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HE IS NOW COMPLETING  
HIS CONVALESCENCE.) ACCORDING TO VAN HELMONT, MONNET  
HAD CONCLUDED THAT, BECAUSE OF HIS ADVANCED AGE (HE IS  
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86), HE NO LONGER HAD THE NECESSARY VIGOR TO PROVIDE THE  
LEADERSHIP WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE  
ENTITLED TO EXPECT FROM HIM AND WISELY DECIDED TO RETIRE  
WHILE HE COULD STILL DO SO OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

2. SOME THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO KEEPING THE ACTION COM-

MITTEE ALIVE UNDER A NEW PRESIDENT, BUT THIS WAS FINALLY ABANDONED WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT A MAN OF SUFFICIENT PRESTIGE WHO COULD ALSO REFLECT A CONSENSUS AS MONNET HAD OF THE VARYING POLITICAL TENDENCIES OF THE MEMBERS COULD NOT BE FOUND.

3. MONNET HAS ESTABLISHED A SMALL PRIVATE OFFICE IN NEUILLY AND WILL REMAIN ACTIVE, PRIMARILY ON A BOOK HE IS WORKING ON. THE EMBASSY HOPES TO CONTINUE THE INFORMAL CONTACT WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS.

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